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loans in Kancheepuram and Madurantakam taluks as a result of the complete failure of crops due to pest and the consequent hardship to the ryots in these areas?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" On a representation received from the hon. Member a report has been called for from the Collector of Chingleput in this regard. The Collector's report is awaited."

' Beggar homes.'

* 37 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the activities of beggar homes run by the Government in the City and in the State are;

(*b*) how many beggar homes, if any, are maintained by the Government and the number of beggars provided with shelter and occupation therein;

(*c*) the number maintained by private bodies to which subsidy is given by the Government;

(*d*) the schemes proposed by the Government to provide occupation and shelter to beggars in the streets, bus-stands and other business places; and

(*e*) the amount spent by the Government towards beggar homes in the State during the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Law) :—" (*a*) The Government have recently ordered the establishment, under the Madras City Police Act, of a ' Care Camp ' and a ' Care Home ' in the Melpakkam Depot buildings for people found begging in the City. Able-bodied beggars who are capable of ordinary manual labour are to be sent to the ' Care Camp ' under the orders of the Court under the provisions of the Madras City Police Act. The ' Care Home ' located in the same buildings is for infirm and diseased beggars. Inmates of the ' Care Camp ' who are physically capable of ordinary manual labour will be given suitable work. Both the ' Care Camp ' and the ' Care Home ' will be under Police management.

" (*b*) Except for the ' Care Camp ' and the ' Care Home ' recently ordered to be opened at the Melpakkam Depot buildings, no other institution is run by Government to shelter and provide occupation for beggars. The Government ' Care Camp ' and ' Care Home ' at Melpakkam Depot buildings when opened are expected to accommodate about 500 persons in all.

" (*c*) None of the beggar homes established under the City Police Act in Madras City and under the Madras Prevention of Begging Act, in the mufassal, which are under the management of the respective local bodies, is in receipt of Government subsidy.